

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 8, 13, 18, 21 through 30, 32, and 36 are pending, with Claims 8, 13, 18, 21, 26, 32, and 36 being independent. Claims 21 through 30 were allowed. Claims 1 through 7, 9 through 12, 14 through 17, 19, 20, 31, 33 through 35, 37, and 38 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 8, 13, 18, 32, and 36 have been amended.

The title was objected to as not descriptive, and the Official Action suggested the following title: --Camera with a detachable lens system, the lens system having a memory for storing optical performance data of the lens system--. All objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the title generally along the lines suggested in the Official Action but with several editorial changes, i.e., to read --Imaging apparatus with interchangeable lens apparatus, the lens apparatus having a memory for storing optical performance data of the lens apparatus--. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Figs. 8(A), 8(B), 9, 10, 11(A), 11(B), and 12 through 14 were objected to and required to be labeled as --PRIOR ART--. Transmitted herewith are thirteen (13) replacement sheets of formal drawings comprising Figs. 1(A), 1(B), 2, 3, 4(A), 4(B) 5, 6, 7, 8(A), 8(B), 9, 10, 11(A), 11(B), 12, 13, and 14. The replacement sheets include clean copies of Figs. 1(B), 2, 3, 4(B) 5, 6, and 7, as filed on December 17, 2001, clean copies of Figs. 1(A) and 4(A) as filed on February 25, 2005, and Figs. 8(A), 8(B), 9, 10, 11(A), 11(B), and 12 through 14 having been labeled as --PRIOR ART-- as required. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,126,780 (Satou, et al.). Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Satou, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,003,339 (Ishimaru, et al.). Claims 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 31, 34, and 35 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,130,994 (Maruyama). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Ishimaru, et al. Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Ishimaru, et al. in view of Satou, et al. Claims 8, 13, 18, 32, and 36 were objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the cancellation of the rejected claims and the rewriting of the objected-to claims, Claims 8, 13, 18, 32, and 36, in independent form, with formal amendments to those claims, including Claim 8 having been amended to change “said imaging optical unit” to --an imaging optical unit--. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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